THE
Chapter 25
ROYAL TUTOR
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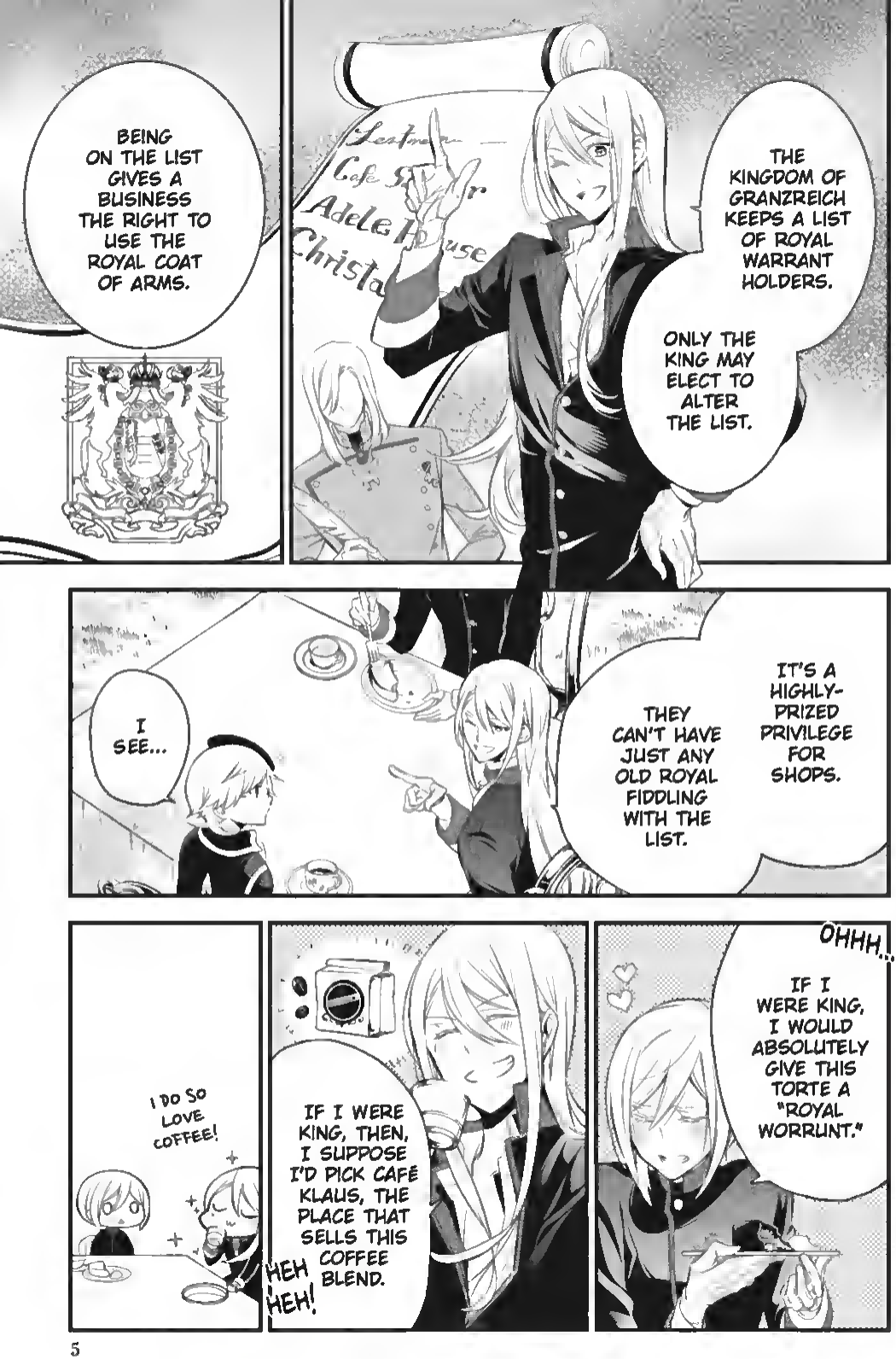
Coffee Time Confrontation!
Teatime with the professor!☆
Welcome to today's lesson:

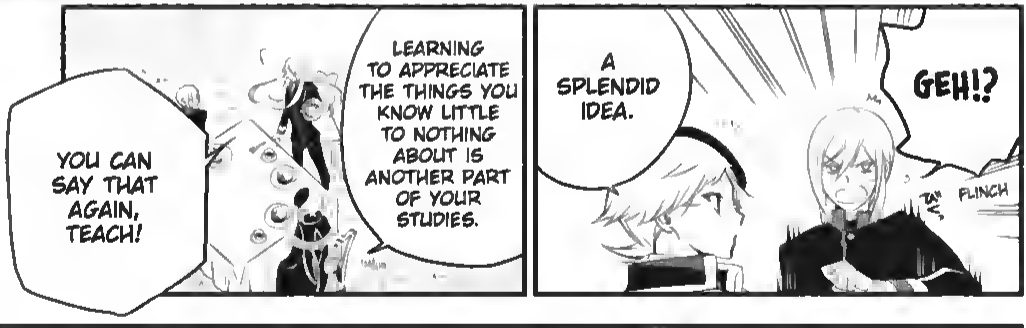
MMM, DELICIOUS!

OH, LEONIE. AS LONG AS YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF TORTE, YOU COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT IT'S PAIRED WITH.
PFFT
TORTE GOES SOOO WELL WITH BLACK TEA.
YUM. NOTHING BEATS A CUP OF COFFEE AFTER LESSONS.
DON'T BE ABSURD!
WHY, I COULD NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT THE TORTE FROM THIS BAKERY...
FWOOSH
...SO PARTICULAR AM I ABOUT MY TORTE!
THEY HAVE A ROYAL WARRANT OF PATRONAGE, THEN?
I ALWAYS HAVE MY TORTE ORDERED FROM THE SAME BAKERY.
MY, MY...
TSK, TSK, TSK. NOT SO!


BEING ON THE LIST GIVES A BUSINESS THE RIGHT TO USE THE ROYAL COAT OF ARMS.
THE KINGDOM OF GRANZREICH KEEPS A LIST OF ROYAL WARRANT HOLDERS.
ONLY THE KING MAY ELECT TO ALTER THE LIST.
IT'S A HIGHLY-PRIZED PRIVILEGE FOR SHOPS.
THEY CAN'T HAVE JUST ANY OLD ROYAL FIDDLING WITH THE LIST.
I SEE...
OHHH...
IF I WERE KING, I WOULD ABSOLUTELY GIVE THIS TORTE A "ROYAL WORRUNT."
IF I WERE KING, THEN, I SUPPOSE I'D PICK CAFÉ KLAUS, THE PLACE THAT SELLS THIS COFFEE BLEND.
HEH HEH!
I DO SO LOVE COFFEE!

HAAH? COFFEE??
HARRUMPH!
IN FACT, I HATE IT SO MUCH THAT, IF I WERE KING, I'D GET RID OF ALL OF THE COFFEE IN THE WHOLE KINGDOM!
HMPH.
YOU'D GIVE THAT MUCK THE ROYAL WORRUNT? THE IDEA!
HOW IN THE WORLD DOES THAT BITTER, BLACK MUCK TASTE GOOD TO YOU?
UGH.
WHA ...!?
STAGGER
よろ...
G-GET RID OF...
...KH...

I'LL TEACH YOU ALL ABOUT WHAT COFFEE IS AND WHAT MAKES IT SO DELICIOUS!
HMPH.
...OH, YOU'VE ASKED FOR IT NOW...
CLATTER


YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, TEACH!
LEARNING TO APPRECIATE THE THINGS YOU KNOW LITTLE TO NOTHING ABOUT IS ANOTHER PART OF YOUR STUDIES.
A SPLENDID IDEA.
GEH!?
FLINCH

.....
WELL, THEN, GENTLEMEN, CALL MEEE... "SUPER-SEXY COFFEE CONNOISSEUR GROWN-UP PROFESSOR LICHT♡" I INSIST.

THE PALACE STOCKS A RATHER IMPRESSIVE SELECTION OF COFFEE BEANS, I SEE.
OHH!
CREAK
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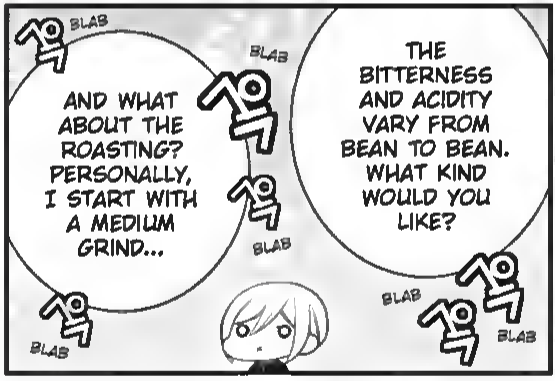

AND WHAT ABOUT THE ROASTING? PERSONALLY, I START WITH A MEDIUM GRIND...
THE BITTERNESS AND ACIDITY VARY FROM BEAN TO BEAN. WHAT KIND WOULD YOU LIKE?
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB

OKAY, LEONIE. IT ALL STARTS WITH CHOOSING THE RIGHT COFFEE BEANS.

!!!
STAB
OR KNOW.
I DON'T CARE.

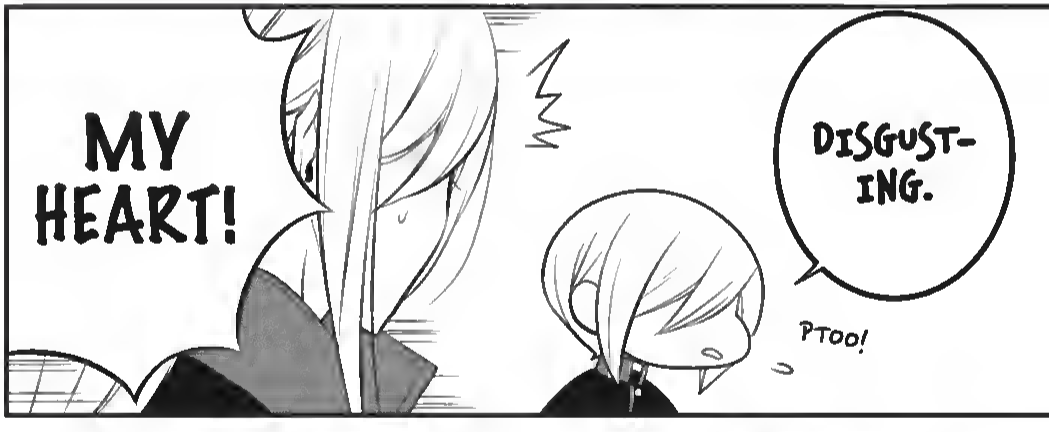
DO YOU NOT REALIZE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A PRINCE?
YOUR FREE-WHEELING WAYS ARE UNACCEPTABLE!!
BECAUSE IT'S BOUND TO BE A PAIN. ESPECIALLY IF BRUNIE FINDS OUT.
QUITE TRUE...
TCH. A WASTE OF MY EFFORTS, THAT STUDENT.
THAT IS TYPICAL OF HIM.
PSST
MMBL
OH? WHY NOT?
OH, YEAH. TEACH.
MY BROTHERS CAN'T KNOW I WORK AT THE CAFÉ, OKAY?
DON'T GET IT
I MUST ADMIT, I DID NOT KNOW THAT YOUR HIGHNESS COULD BREW COFFEE.
OH, UH...
I'M STILL LEARNING. I WANT TO MAKE THE DRINKS AT THE CAFÉ SOMEDAY...
SO SOMETIMES I LET MYSELF IN HERE TO PRACTICE.
I SEE...
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
...SINCE I HAVE FATHER'S PERMISSION TO BE THERE ANYWAY, I WANT TO LEARN MORE OF THE JOBS AT THE CAFÉ.
...I'VE BEEN THINKING SINCE WHAT HAP-PENED, AND...

I-I'M NOT LIKE THAT! I'M A PLAYBOY PRINCE WITH SUPER SEX APPEAL! AUGH...!
STARE
じっ
YOUR HIGHNESS GROWS MORE AND MORE ORDINARILY RESPONSIBLE BY THE DAY...
GRIND GRIND GRIND GRIND GRIND
COME OVER HERE, LEONIE.
WE'RE READY TO BREW THE COFFEE.
FOAM FOAM むくむく
OHH!!?
THE TRICK IS TO POUR THE WATER IN CIRCLES, LIKE SO.
WHIRL
WHIRL
HUH!!?
I-IT PUFFED UP...

FLINCH
IS IT JUST ME, OR ARE YOU AWFULLY PRACTICED AT THIS...?
CIRCLE
CIRCLE
"NO,"
.....
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A BUTLER'S JOB.
THE PALACE BUTLER
UH!
Y-YOU KNOW! LADIES LOVE THIS SORT OF THING!
WHEN YOU'RE AS POPULAR AS I AM...
...YOU DO ENDLESS RESEARCH INTO HOW TO KEEP THE LADIES HAPPY, YOU SEE!
OH. IS THAT HOW IT IS...?
TH-THAT WAS CLOSE...
.....

THERE YOU ARE. ENJOY.
THANK YOU.
POKE POKE つん つん
ARE YOU SURE THIS WILL TASTE GOOD...?

THE FLAVORFUL AROMA AND ACIDITY ARE WELL-BALANCED.
RIGHT? RIGHT?
.....!
IT IS DELICIOUS.
.....
POKE つん
I USED COLOMB AND ABYSSINIAN BEANS, WHICH AREN'T VERY BITTER.
IT'S MY ORIGINAL BLEND, MADE WITH LOVE!
CAUTIOUS そろ～っ
FWOO... FWOO...
...I SUPPOSE I CAN GIVE IT A TRY...
I-IF YOU SAY IT WILL BE GOOD...


MY HEART!
DISGUST-ING.
PTOO!

TH-THEN HOW ABOUT THIS, LEONIE?
WE'LL GET YOU USED TO COFFEE DRINKS THAT TAKE MILK AND WHIPPED CREAM!
IT WOULDN'T BE COFFEE IF IT WASN'T BITTER!
IT'S BIT-TER!
LIAR! IT'S NOT GOOD!

MELANGE
COCOA POWDER TO TOP IT OFF
MILK + SUGAR
YES, BUT THE BITTERNESS WITHIN THE SWEETNESS IS WHAT MAKES IT SO... SO...ARGH, YOU PICKY CHILD!
ADD ALL YOU LIKE, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THAT IT'S BITTER.
EINSPÄNNER
WHIPPED CREAM + SUGAR
HOLD ON, YOU'RE ONLY EATING THE WHIPPED CREAM!!?
NOM
NOM
I LIKE HOW IT LOOKS LIKE A DESSERT.
DON'T WANT COFFEE.
RAAAAH! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT!!!?
ORIGINAL CREATION: MILKY KAFFEE (EIGHT PARTS MILK TO TWO PARTS COFFEE)
MILK
...THE SUPER-MILKY MILKY KAFFEE!
YOU LEAVE ME WITH NO CHOICE! TRY MY ORIGINAL CREA-TION...
!
MILK
METHINKS IT MAY AS WELL BE MILK AT THAT POINT.

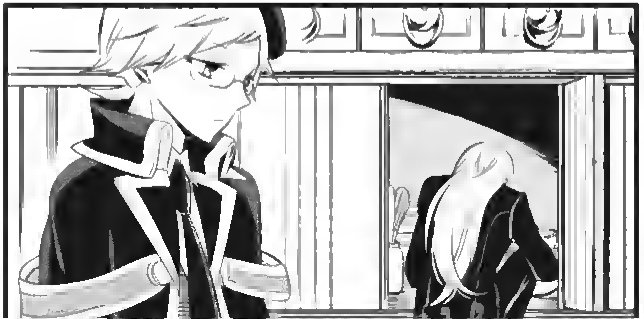
BWAAAH! HOW DO I GET LEONIE TO DRINK COFFEEEE?
.....
GLOOM
PERHAPS IT IS TIME YOU YIELDED?
YOU CANNOT CHANGE OTHERS' TASTES, AND I CANNOT RECOMMEND FORCING ANYTHING UPON HIM.
.....

...I JUST FEEL SO... PATHETIC.
HONESTLY, I CAN'T MAKE EVEN ONE PERSON A HAPPY CUSTOMER?
EVEN IF I PRACTICE MAKING COFFEE, IF I CAN'T GUESS WHAT REAL CUSTOMERS WILL FANCY...
...I CAN NEVER HOPE TO BE PUT IN CHARGE OF THE COFFEE AT WORK.

.....LET'S SEE NOW...

PRINCE LEONHARD ENJOYS SWEET BAKED TREATS.
IF THERE WERE A DRINK THAT COMBINED COFFEE AND SUCH A TREAT...

WHIRL



BUT...
...I DO NOT KNOW IF THERE IS SUCH A THING.
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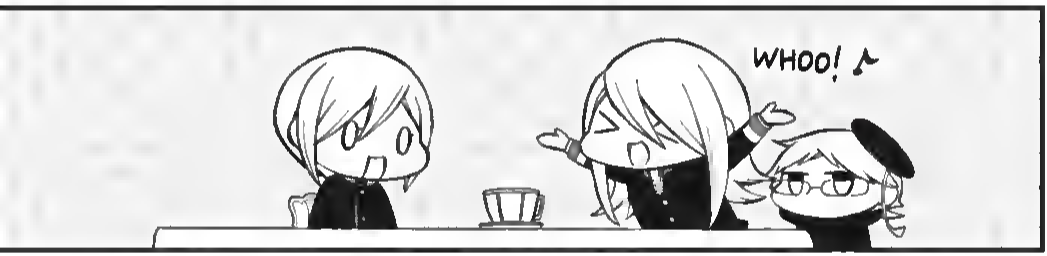
TA-DAAA!!


WHOO! ♪

DON'T BE THAT WAY.
SNATCH
NO MORE! I HATE BITTER THINGS!!

QUIVER
THIS... THIS IS A MELANGE.
YOU MADE ME DRINK THIS ALREADY...!
QUIVER
QUIVER
QUIVER
QUIVER

CAUTIOUS
そろ～…
TH-THIS HAD BETTER TASTE GOOD, OR ELSE.
I GUARANTEE THIS ONE WILL DELIGHT YOU!
WH-WHAT IS THIS FLAVOR?
COOKIES? POUND CAKE?
HEH HEH HEH.

THIS IS THE SECRET INGRE-DIENT.
EGG...!?
E...

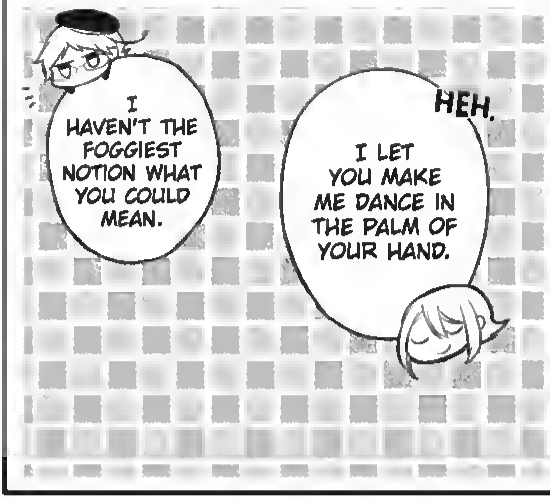
NOW, NOW.
URK!
I-I FEEL SICK...
UH-HUH. ♡
RAW...?
YOU PUT AN EGG...IN COFFEE...?
IT TASTES LIKE CAKE AND COOKIES BECAUSE IT USES THE VERY SAME INGREDIENTS.
MILK
FIRST, I MIXED MILK AND SUGAR WITH ESPRESSO.
THEN I ADDED AN EGG YOLK AND HEATED IT TO A BOIL.
THIS DRINK IS CALLED THE "KAISER MELANGE."
Kaiser Melange

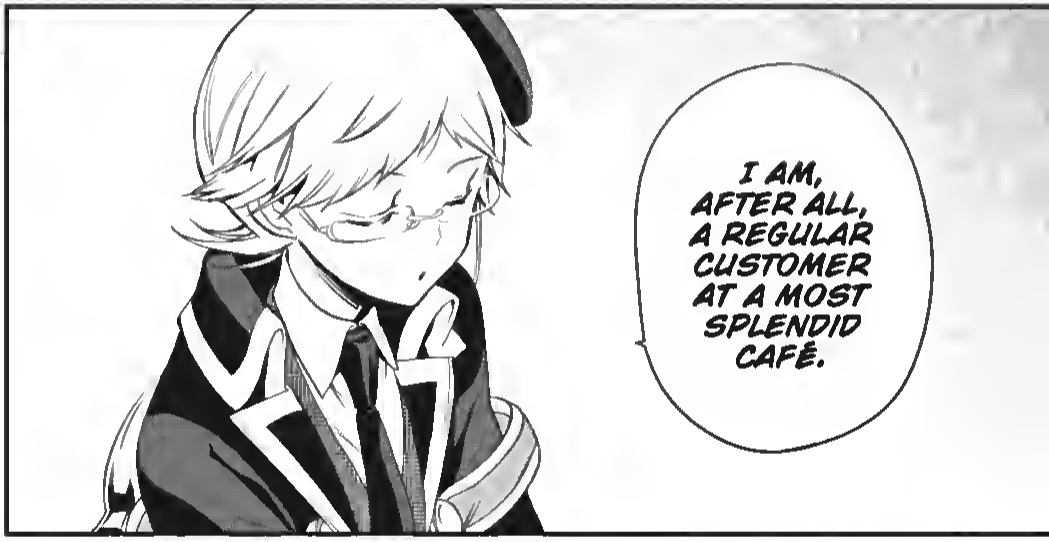
COMPARED TO SIMPLY ADDING MILK, THE FLAVOR IS MILDER AND HAS MORE BODY.
THIS SEEMS TO HAVE MADE IT EASIER TO DRINK.
IT'S... TRUE...
IT TASTES LIKE COFFEE, BUT THE BITTERNESS ISN'T THAT AWFUL...
.....
...I THINK...
...I MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ENJOYING COFFEE...
...FOR THE FIRST TIME... MAYBE.

H-HUH?
I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO MAKE THAT AGAIN, DO I?
HAAH... TOO BAD YOU HATE COFFEE.
MM-HM. IT'S GOOD.
.....GH!
WHAT WAS I EXPECTING? LEONIE WANTS TO BAN COFFEE ALL OVER THE KINGDOM.
FINE! FINE, YOU WIN!
I STILL HATE COFFEE.
BUT NOT SO MUCH THAT I WOULD BAN IT!!
BRILLIANT!
WHEW.
...HAPPY NOW?

YOU CHANGED YOUR TONE FAST! GIVE ME A MINUTE. IT TAKES A WHILE TO MAKE.
YOU KNOW, SINCE THERE'S EGG IN IT, IF YOU DRINK TOO MUCH, YOU'LL GET FAT!
HUH!?
...ANOTHER.
GEEZ.
MMBL
NO LESS FROM A PRO-FESSIONAL.

BUT OF COURSE, THE OMNIPOTENT PROFESSOR HEINE WOULD EVEN BE AN EXPERT ON VARIOUS COFFEE DRINKS.
WHAT-EVER YOU SAY.
NATURALLY.


I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST NOTION WHAT YOU COULD MEAN.
HEH.
I LET YOU MAKE ME DANCE IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND.


I AM, AFTER ALL, A REGULAR CUSTOMER AT A MOST SPLENDID CAFÉ.

I JUST HAD A GREAT IDEA!
OH!
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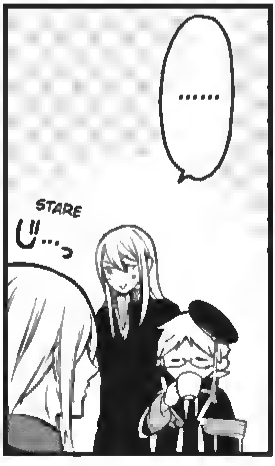
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STARE
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YOU SHOULD WORK AT A COFFEE SHOP!
YOU'RE RATHER GOOD AT THIS. IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO LET YOUR TALENTS GO TO WASTE.
A MASTER-FUL PLAN, ISN'T IT?
AH—
AH-HA-HA-HA... WHAT AN IDEA...

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